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THE NEW AGE

HEARKEN to my words, all ye who aspire to gain Union with your own Higher Self in this day and age before the Grim Reaper DEATH claims your Soul and you await your long, long turn for another earth life; for here to earth you must come, times without number, to learn the great lesson of SACRIFICE and RENUNCIATION, for without Sacrifice you fail to gain Salvation or Liberation from the hell of physical plane bondage.

You who are bound to the Orthodox faiths are taught to believe that when you die you lie quite still in your grave until the Great Judgment Day, when all men shall be raised from the dead and partake of Heavenly bliss. No more earth lives, just lie in your casket with your eyes closed, waiting for the Judgment Day, when the good Lord Almighty will call you, after Gabriel blows his

horn, and ye shall be clothed with white garments, with palms in hand and trumpets blaring, 'midst songs and rejoicing, and you, with little golden wings, ready to fly with all the other Orthodox angels whom you have chummed around with here on earth; for you're in Heaven now, nevermore to return to earth.

Now, friend reader, do you believe all this? This waiting for the Judgment Day to be judged by the Lord? If your record on earth is good, you're entitled to a pair of golden wings, but if it is bad, to a different temperature and a pair of horns and cloven hoofs for you. You know in your heart you don't, but only accept it because thousands of unthinking others have accepted it because it came from the authority of established Religion, which must not be questioned but taken on faith.

How much more sensible it is to accept the Doctrine of Reincarnation (i. e., being born on earth time and again under different conditions) to learn the lesson that life wishes to teach us. The lesson of self-reliance and self-control; the lesson that as ye sow so shall ye reap; the lesson of becoming your brother's keeper; the lesson of renunciation to gain the sweet fruit of Salvation and Liberation from physical sense attachment. For it is attachment to the objects of sense that binds down the embodied Soul to earth, and to rise above attachment to physical plane things, one must sacrifice the lower or personal self to the Higher or Divine Self in order to be LIBERATED.

The New Age will bring out definitely the Doctrine as St. Paul taught it to the more advanced thinkers of his time. "If we live in the Spirit, let

us also walk in the Spirit," and hereafter I know no man after the flesh, but after the Spirit, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." St. Paul beyond a doubt was the most advanced of the apostles, as others were given over to the laying on of hands and the eye doctrine or surface teachings, but St. Paul entered more into the Heart Doctrine or Heavenly Mysteries, the mystical interpretation of the crucifixion of the Christ. I know naught save Jesus Christ and him crucified. Not the historical Saviour, but the Christ principle in Jesus and that passed through the ordination of crucifixion and resurrection.

Well, say you, this might be all right for St. Paul as a great and distinguished man who had powers of perception and insight far beyond my own weak powers, who could understand these things, but as for me, I am satisfied that JESUS DIED TO SAVE US ALL, and there is no use entering into a deep mystical and philosophic discussion to make matters more complicated for me to gain Salvation, when by just believing that Jesus died to save the Whole World will save me all this trouble of going through various earth life experiences to work out my own Salvation.

Now, dear reader, get this firmly implanted into your mind; this is not the first life you have ever lived here on earth, for to be reincarnated as a man or woman has required numerous past births to complete and perfect your present status in evolution. And perchance you are on the home stretch, about to enter your Father's House here and now and are as much entitled to recognition

and initiation as was St. Paul himself. For no man arrives at the stage of studying Theosophy who is not an advanced Soul with a string of past lives to his credit.

The New Order will inculcate into the minds and hearts of the People that each man and woman stands alone on his own past record, and no man can climb up to the Golden Gates some other way. I know the Churchmen think they have captured the attention and imagination of the populace forevermore in giving out this childish doctrine of the Atonement. True it has passed muster for ages, but a day comes and that soon when the scales shall fall from the eyes of the most ignorant, and henceforth ye shall not deceive them. For the Son of Man cometh in their hearts to judge in power and in glory.

This idea of forgiving one their sins is the most efficacious way of leading the sinner further away from true Salvation. For if he can be forgiven one sin, it is quite an easy matter to go on sinning, having a good time too and go back to the same old source of forgiveness. As a matter of fact, the orthodox denominations really encourage men to sin by their sinful ways of forgiving him. I know you regard it all as quite right, pious and sacred to walk into the confessional and lay bare your heart to one of these accredited representatives of the Lord. But you down deep in your own heart, know you are playing the part of the hypocrite by asking for something which you have not in the least tried your own self to overcome. Just give me another chance, Father, to commit this so-called sin, and I'll come back for another permit. That's

all it is. Confession is a permit to sin; and woe be unto the fellow who grants these permits in the final reckoning.

Am I too harsh in my criticism of the fake which Orthodoxy has played upon the masses? Am I going too far in my denunciation of Orthodox Christianity? Am I a bigot, an atheist, an unbeliever and on a par with the Devil? No, Brother, I am none of these. I only want you to begin to think for yourselves, and thereafter the Orthodox crowd will never control your Soul. For what you give up to belong to their denominations that may yield you dollars, social prestige and the like is incalculable when your own SOUL is weighed in the balance and you stand before the Judgment Seat of your own past actions. That is what counts; you own past actions shall bear you good or ill:

"Pray not! the Darkness will not brighten!
Ask nought from Silence, for it cannot speak!
Vex not your mournful minds with pious pains!
Ah! Brothers, Sisters! seek

"Nought from the helpless gods by gift and hymn,
Nor bribe with blood, nor feed with fruit and cakes;
Within yourselves, deliverance must be sought;
Each man his prison makes."

The New Age will henceforth deliver Man from the staid old prison of Orthodoxy; for they shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make them free.

UNION WITH THE HIGHER SELF

MANY times I have spoken in past issues of DIVINE LIFE of Union with the Higher Self, but this evening I write not as a spectator or beholder but finally as a possessor; for I cannot now separate my consciousness from it and speak of it without expressing my own conscious state and in expressing my own conscious state I awaken in you a like state of consciousness. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me," but I say unto you I shall lift up all who hearken to my words, and none other. There is much in the scriptural texts that Jesus himself never uttered, but was placed there by our wiser Christian Fathers to deceive the masses and make Jesus appear as a God. When a man comes into Union with his Higher Self, he sees through the whole Truth and separates it from the error and becomes a free Soul incapable of error on his own Soul plane.

I want you to get my exact impressions so that no one can henceforth deceive you. Do not by any means accept any so-called Truth until it has become a Truth to you, not even from Jesus Christ Our Lord. You are yourself Lord over this body and Soul, and the closer you come into Union with it the closer will be your relationship and fidelity to your own Soul Self. You will then cease to worship, and the cloak of reverence will fall as a mantle from your shoulders, but you will supplant worship and reverence with loyalty, loyalty to your Higher Self even unto Death, for Death for your Higher Self is now a state of consciousness and not one of oblivion.

Union with the Higher Self embraces the Union of all consciousness and with it brings the power of speaking from within the veil to your own soul selves. From now on the aspirant for Truth becomes a Teacher of Truth and voices the laws of the supernatural; supernatural because they obtain above the laws of nature and the natural man. "I and my Father are one" now comes into being, and the man who has attained this Union experiences the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth and not a taste thereof.

For when he experiences the Immortal state of his own nature here on earth, he lays aside his preconceived notions and conception of a Supreme Being, and with loyalty to his own true inner and higher nature, takes his hat off to no man living or dead, but assumes the position of Lord himself, over himself, over others, the Beginning and the End and the consummation thereof for the benefit and upliftment of the Whole Race.

Blasphemy, you say? No, loyalty to the position which you have attained and won.

HENCEFORTH KNOW WE NO MAN AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT

THIS saying of St. Paul's has been quoted time without number by preachers, teachers and thinkers, but does the audience get the true import of those words? Only he who lives in the Spirit here and now can convey to the lay mind their true import and meaning. For until the writer or speaker brings his auditor up to the level where he

himself stands, his words will fall short of their true meaning. He must be at one with what he is giving out.

Now most people have the erroneous idea that one must pass out of the body before he is truly in the land of the Spirit. That the Ego or Soul in the body cannot function on the plane of the Spirit; but only after the Soul is released from the fleshly habiliments can it consummate and occupy the purely spiritual state. If that were true, St. Paul's words would prove meaningless.

I can truly say with St. Paul this morning, henceforth I know no man after the flesh, for I have attained Union with the Higher Self, the Spirit within you, and when I speak to you, I simply speak to my own Soul self, and you hearken to my words not from without yourself but from within; from within the veil of flesh and matter. Spirit, pure spirit thou art if thou wouldst only find thy true spiritual abode and abide therein constantly. A man should draw the line so deep between the personal self or brute self and the inner Self, or Spirit Divine, that he would nevermore have anything to do with the consciousness or personality known to himself as personal identity. For he is GOD now, GOD, his Higher Self, equal to and on a par with the Spirit, the Christ Spirit Divine.

To know is to recognize, and to recognize is to become at one with. St. Paul's knowing the Spirit is to realize and become one with the Spirit in the person whom he is addressing. St. Paul had consciously risen in Spirit where he could truthfully say, "I and my Father are One." One in Spirit,

but separate in flesh.

The Orthodox churches today crumbling before our very eyes attribute their disintegration to the sojourners fallen by the wayside due to their unbelief and worldliness and disregard for things holy and spiritual, but they fail to see that the main cause of their rapid decline and failure lies at their own doors and not at the doors of their parishioners. The clergy have simply failed to rise to the mark and level where they speak from the Spirit and not from the flesh. The average business man today does not care to go to the trouble of goig to church on Sunday and have some impractical theological weakling who has not come into contact with the experience of the World stand up and instruct him about the true ways of living and give advice to one more versed in true spiritual matters than the clergy themselves. He can get that at home without going to the expense and trouble of getting it from a mere apprentice who talks from books and not from experience. The whole trouble with the Orthodox churches (and they will not admit it) is their woeful lack of men to occupy their pulpits. They admit their messages fall on deaf ears, but there is a reason, and this reason mainly is that their clergy are as material minded and dollar loving as the people themselves whom they admonish to follow the Lord and give up all to lead the Christian Life and know of the Eternal Doctrine.

Let one man (who is truly spiritually bent and spiritually inclined) come down off his high altar and through perfect renunciation and sacrifice lead the true Christian life by living not so much

for himself, his high salary and the beauty and comforts with which his congregation has fitly surrounded him, but a life for others and for whom he becomes a perfect sacrifice, and he would convert more people, regenerate more souls in a lifetime than a century in the pulpit he is filling and the manner in which he lives his two-fold life.

A GREAT WORLD REVIVAL awaits us at our very doors. The Clergy know this, but are in a muddle as to who shall lead the way; who shall blow the Trumpet and awaken the sleeping ones of the Temple to action. Listen, they know in their hearts that some one man, insignificant at present and among the ranks of the meek and lowly will be given the job, and they today despise this one man simply because he is not theologically inclined. But they will have to come to it and admit it sooner or later that the Spirit is not particular whom it chooses and frequently goes into off-side places to bring about what it wishes to accomplish.

I refer to the work of DIVINE LIFE and the DIVINE LIFE MAGAZINE. "Take no thought of the morrow, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed," for your inner God knows already what ye require. Likewise, take no thought if ye are not theologically minded, a graduate of some great College with an Alma Mater and a recognized factor in the established institutions of learning of this World. Speak ye from the Spirit and all men shall hearken unto your words, for they are Words of Spirit and of Life Divine, and ye shall lead all Nations in the Paths of Righteousness for His Name's sake.

The World advances as any one man advances.

Today Science, invention and purely materialistic benefits have for the moment crowded out the recognition of Spiritual teaching. Preachers and teachers themselves have been carried pell mell into the maelstrom and rush of materialism and the grasp of getting the dollar clouds all thought of the Higher Self within; as though all past teaching regarding the Spirit was an erroneous old time dilapidated nightmare. But hearken to my words, for they are Spirit and they are Life.

Before two years expire these gross, material-minded, mad, rushing dollar chasers will be as calm as lambs, thinking, reflecting, contemplating things worth while, things lasting, things that do not perish at the grave.

For the New Dispensation has arrived, and over night the sentiment of the American People shall change from a midnight revel of sport, fun and song to one of the grave of the gravest. "What shall I do to gain Eternal Life?" here and now will be uppermost in their minds, the paramount question of the day. Newspapers, magazines and the movies will be forsaken for purely spiritual teaching that they shall henceforth know no man after the flesh but after the Spirit and the American house will be immediately put into order and all the rank foolishness of today shall be relegated to the limbo of an Age of Darkness and Superstition.

I come to prepare a place for you that where I am ye may be also.

THE HIGHER SELF

It is not this.
It is not this.
It is not this.
Hold to Eternal Verities.
It is not this.
It is not this.
It is not this.
Hold to Eternal Verities.

Repeat three times through and then concentrate on the meaning of the foregoing lines and their meaning will be apparent to you. Life is but a waking dream, a reflection of the sleep dream, but above and beyond the waking and deep sleeping states is a high spiritual state which we must contact while awake or we will never attain Union with the Higher Self the consummation devoutly to be sought.

Has it ever occurred to you in passing moments of thought flashes that what transpires before your eyes as reality has really no concrete existence? More a passing shadow or nightmare to fulfill the over eagerness of the five physical senses to complete the scheme of physical plane manifestation. Of course you have. A sort of feeling that this thing before my very eyes is an unreal phantasmagoria, or cyclorama which has its roots on a plane above or beyond my own comprehension.

Well, what of it? you say. Does that help to solve this Higher Self which you began to explain? Yes. Because the first ground to be removed before the foundation is laid is the ground of mis-

representation, of falsity, of glamour, of downright hypnotic trance. For that is what all Egos are subject to, to help keep them under the spell of Mother Nature and her hosts of **unseen entities** known as elementals. For, know you, Brethren of the Light, man is surrounded by an unseen host of elementals or nature spirits which are in turn controlled by the evil men of the World who hold the evolution of Man in leash; and keep his habitat filled with animal forms to complete their scheme of World domination and spiritual distraction.

Have you noticed lately how many animals have congregated about human forms? Since the World War the boys overseas brought back the French idea of dogs in the lap; lap dogs as they call them abroad. There is today no family complete without dogs accompany their children. Furthermore, every picture in newspaper and print is not complete without rover accompanying his Royal mistress. And the movies feature the animals as the dessert for every first-class picture. Get the idea? The evil men of whom I am speaking know their business better than the average American. For by featuring dogs and animals beside children and young girls; by pushing them into screen pictures and in our much read daily newspapers they thereby keep the consciousness of mankind pinned to the animal level and that is their scheme. Because, know you, if the human rate of vibration (and everything is based on vibration) is contaminated by animal presence and animal vibration, your consciousness is lowered, and it helps to keep down the whole mass of human consciousness to the animal plane of activity, thereby controlling

your actions and preventing you from attaining GOD consciousness whilst here in the body and becoming a liberated Soul.

Now that the ground is cleared, the foundation laid, let us assume that we are now in possession of the much to be desired Higher Self consciousness and presence. How am I going to describe the Higher Self to you unless I too have come into Union with it? Presumption? I hear you say, for no man gains union with his Higher Self until he gains a state of Cosmic Consciousness that places him on a par with the Almighty which is in and animates all things.

This, dear brethren, is a point I wish to make clear before going any further. The very idea of the transcendent form and consciousness of GOD has been in the main totally eclipsed by too much reverence and fearfulness on the part of man. But man was not so much to blame as the fellows in the pulpit who increased the glamour and deception in their representation of GOD, or GOD ALHIGHTY, by placing him so far beyond human comprehension as to be totally out of the reach of any man ever hoping to contact this lofty consciousness of being or becoming GOD.

Is this too much to hope for? Is this too much to attain? Certainly from the Orthodox viewpoint it is bordering on blasphemy to ever hope to be at one with the Father as Jesus himself exclaimed: "I and my Father are One."

I say and affirm that the day will come when the Orthodox teaching will be as popular with the thinking masses as the passing saloon is popular with the prohibition forces. For if a man cannot

attain a Realization of the Divine in this life he will forsake the Religion that deprives him of this Realization. And that is why I reiterate and affirm that the Christian Doctrine of the Atonement (that Jesus died to save All) is one of the greatest obstacles ever placed in the Path of Man to defeat his attaining Union with the Higher Self and Liberation from the hell of physical plane embodiment.

Life is a story, an act, a play, played and rehearsed over and over, time and again. To be caught in the Dance of Life is slavery and confinement in the prison of flesh, and evolution is not one so much of chance, as one of predestination. For in every age and clime the old, old story of the Battle between the Forces of Light and of Darkness is rehearsed and rehearsed, but in the interim, few, precious few, Souls escape the Fire of Destruction and are sanctified as Saviours and GODS.

My point in presenting this article to you is in the main to give you a taste of what the Almighty God experiences through your manifestation as flesh and blood beings. I affirm and no one man today will agree with me (for this is indeed the most advanced thought ever propounded in any theosophical magazine), I affirm that you are GOD, consciously manifesting in and through this World. You know all without thinking. You sit behind the scenes of all Being and are today the cause of your present predicament of human slavery and human confinement, and it is now up to you to free yourself. Speak the WORD within, desire your ancient Throne of King of Kings and

Lord of Lords, and presently the curtain of Life and its mysterious dance will be drawn aside and you enter your Ancient Eternal Kingdom, long ago deserted, to taste of the experience of human embodiment which has all but eclipsed your ancient understanding of how to extricate yourself and again gain Union with your Higher Self, your GOD within the confines of your Earthly habitation.

"God in thy body,
I see all the Gods;
And all the hosts of living things.
And Sovereign Brahma
On his Lotus Throne
And all the Rishis (Holy men)
And the snakes (initiates) Divine."

And I see today GOD in the flesh. I, ALMIGHTY I, the cause of all this human experience, see as through a glass darkly; but as the consciousness of my Eternal Ancient Kingdom returns to me, now brighter and brighter it grows, until, full orbed, now returns the consciousness of GOD within.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Thou art, pure, sweet and undefiled by the hand of man. Ancient, eternal, primeval, undying I now perceive Thee. The Sun, the Moon the Stars are Thy Handiwork, and I, poor I, weak, miserable I, the prodigal who has returned to his Father's House.

PROMETHEUS BOUND

IT may interest the readers of DIVINE LIFE to know that since my arrival in California I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. James Pryse, the author of "The Apocalypse Unsealed," and one of the earliest members of the original Theosophical Society, who was a close friend and associate of Madame Blavatsky herself.

Mr. Pryse, who is now past 70 years of age, is the son of a Presbyterian minister (although he disclaims belief in any Religion today), entered the field of Theosophy in his early days and he has and still holds implicit faith and belief in MASTERS OF WISDOM. Masters of old who dominated the mind, body and soul of Madame Blavatsky, Wm. Q. Judge, Col. Steele Olcott, Leadbeater, Besant and a host of others.

My object in meeting Mr. Pryse was two-fold. First, I wanted to get at the basis of his belief in these super-human beings, the Masters of Wisdom, or Mahatmas, as Theosophists are wont to call them, the keystone of the whole Theosophical edifice, and find out whether it could coincide with the teaching of an Inner God or Higher Self as Mr. Pryse himself cogently depicts in his work "The Apocalypse Unsealed," and with the teachings of the DIVINE LIFE MAGAZINE, which is today so opposed to any Masters, Teachers or Adepts save the Higher Self or Christ within.

When I apprised Mr. Pryse of the fact that these Adepts, or Masters of Wisodm, were contrary to the teachings of the Bible and of Jesus Christ, he

mildly informed me with a gesture, that so far as Jesus Christ was concerned, he simply never existed!!! This, of course, is in line with the teaching of his earlier days under the tutelage of Mme. Blavatsky herself. Well, says I, if Jesus Christ never existed, then the Apostles, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John never existed. No, they were all a myth to supplement the early Gnostic Teaching of the mystical interpretation of the crucifixion. And further he announced (and I almost fainted) that only after a man gains union with his Higher Self, the consummation devoutly to be sought and according to the teaching in the DIVINE LIFE MAGAZINE, the Goal of Theosophy—Liberation —is he eligible to become a student in this School of these ADEPTS, THE GREAT WHITE LODGE. For, says he, when you pursue the course of Occultism, it is high explosive business, and without the aid of these ADEPTS, you are liable to go to pieces, be blown up. You know, says he, when a fellow fools with things he knows little about, he is liable to suffer the consequences. Maxim the gun-maker lost a member experimenting with high explosives!

Well, I replied, I think you have the cart before the horse, Mr. Pryse, for once a man gains Union with his own Higher Self and attains LIBERATION whilst in the body, he never needs the aid or teaching of any Master or Adept from without, for his inner God henceforth does all the teaching. Furthermore, your own Theosophical manuals, "Light on the Path," Bhagavad Gita," and "Voice of the Silence," go contrary to your belief and knowledge of these exalted MASTERS OF WIS-

DOM and ADEPTS.

"Light on the Path," expressly says, and at that point no man can help you, for you are now the Path yourself to tread alone unaided. And "Voice of the Silence" says, "Within thyself the shrine of thy sensations seek out the inner God, and having sought him out, look inward, thou art Buddha" (meaning the Christ). Again, "Seek not thy Guru (Teacher) in these mayavic regions." "The wise ones tarry not in pleasure grounds of senses, the Wise Ones heed not the sweet-tongued voices of illusion." Seek for thy Master (Higher Self), who is to give thee birth in the Hall of Wisdom, the Hall which lies beyond, wherein all shadows are unknown, and where the Light of Truth shines with unfading glory."

My next object in meeting Mr. Pryse was to remind him that now that the American Public had repudiated all belief in Madame Blavatsy's Masters of Wisdom (and which I informed him it would have been better had the Society dropped the Madame and her mystic pals long ago), it was about time before too late to give Americans an American Theosophy based on the esoteric character of our own dear Gospels, and leave this foreign teaching severely alone, as it had proved such a dismal failure.

Well, this, you may feel assured, did not go down well with Mr. Pryse, to shatter his MASTERS with one blow. For he continued to hold that the forces were so great that no man could control them alone at first, and must consequently be destroyed.

Why, Mr. Pryse, don't you single me out one man in your whole organization who has held to

your teachings and followed these so-called MASTERS OF WISDOM who has attained the LIBERATION, the goal of Theosophy, of which I am speaking. That, says he, is next to impossible!!! "In this life," he added, after I approached him closer. For you know it takes seven lives to accomplish this after you get into the esoteric school of these ADEPTS of which I am speaking. Is it not possible that Pryse himself could have passed through these seven lives already, and was ready for the emancipation and initiation which would make of him GOD here and now? He shook his head, and replied it is not at all likely.

Well, I saw then and there that the old-time teaching had taken such root in the nature of the man who translated "Apocalypse Unsealed," from the Greek text (it not being original with James Pryse at all) that all he could have learned from the book he is supposed to have written availed him nothing, and that Prometheus was still bound to his chains for another thousand years.

Mr. Pryse is an occultist, and not a Theosophist. Says he wants nothing to do with the Thesophical Society as it stands today. Says this occultism business is scientific, scientific, Brother, and devotion, faith and belief have nothing at all to do with the Higher Self. It's a cold, mathematical proposition, and you must look it squarely in the face. Although he admitted that William Q. Judge got in bad for giving out fake messages from these ADEPTS, he still holds that these things are the only hope of Humanity, to which I replied, Humanity has been mastered too much already, Mr. Pryse, and the sooner you come out of your

Occult Field the sooner will the Divine Life flow through you and Theosophy will come into its own in the land where it was first supposed to be founded and for whom it was originally intended, —AMERICA, THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

THE COMING CHRIST

MANY people think, especially Theosophists, who belong to Mrs. Annie Besant's Section, that Christ or Lord Maitreya has incarnated into the body of young Krishnamurti. I know Mrs. Besant has denied it time and again and as many times affirmed it that Krishnaji was the Vehicle for the manifestation of the World Teacher, whatever that may mean. Mrs. Besant, however, has the happy faculty of saying one thing and meaning quite another, but we can forgive her on the grounds that her association with the Catholics and Jesuits has grounded her in the ability of juggling with Truth.

I think if Americans would open their little eyes though they would find out that Mrs. Annie Besant is deceiving them as she has deceived her followers in many other things in the past. If Krishnaji is the Coming Christ, why in God's Kingdom doesn't he say something that would indicate to the World that he is a fit Messenger to spread the Truth? His childish prattle in his "Pools of Wisdom" and various other works and poems from his pen indicate simply nothing than an exalted altar ego with plenty of Hindu spread-eagle. Mrs. Annie

Besant should know that Christs are not made as she has helped make Krishnaji in league with her co-worker, Mr. Chas. Leadbeater. Christs become and grow in spiritual stature and "by their fruits shall ye know them."

All the hobnobbing in circles of American and English aristocracy will not in the least help Krishnaji on his way to World prominence as a thinker and a Teacher. Moreover, it will only tend to diminish his prestige with the masses and tend to show his true color. Happiness may be his theme. and happiness for Krishnamurti seems to be his outstanding qualities, for we read of tea parties and afternoon dances, together with lawn tennis parties at the homes of the elite given in his honor. But a man of Krishnaji's standing and the pose he has assumed as "thus saith the Lord," would be more fitting in the garb of the meek and lowly humble than under the cloak of a sport of Society, a college fricassee and an international globe trotter.

Fools there are born every minute, and I believe Mrs. Besant has captured them all when she succeeded in palming off this innocent Hindu lad on her followers as the representative of the Lord himself.

But, say you, why should you protest? Let Mrs. Besant alone; she is minding her own business and doing you no harm. There is just the point I wish to answer in the course of a very few words.

Mrs. Besant's Coming Christ in Krishnamurti, her ward and protege, is not a Christ alone for the Members of her Theosophical Society, but she gives out the information now that he is to be a

World Saviour, your Saviour and my Saviour, and as such I have a perfect right to protest against this downright misrepresentation that intends to capture not only India, Europe and America, but the whole Planet.

A fraud perpetrated by a woman who is claimed to be the greatest woman in the World by her followers should be exposed to the general public, and to remain silent is a sin against the most High God. Krishnamurti is a rank fake, pure and simple, in allowing himself to be made the goat for Mrs. Besant's subtle scheming. He is old enough today to know better, and even if he was too young at the time Mrs. Besant and Mr. Leadbeater captured him, he has since grown in knowledge and understanding to know right from wrong and unveil to the World the Truth that he does not in his own heart believe himself to be the Christ or an incarnation of any other Ego than plain Mr. Krishnamurti. If he should today retract all that he has given out and expose Mrs. Besant as the Mother of the lie he is trying to live we would all consider him a greater teacher than if he were to keep up the sham part he is playing and trying to fool good conscientious Americans.

But the house of cards which Mrs. Besant has built is about to fall, and great will be the fall of it; as Mr. Krishnamurti has serious intentions of taking to himself a wife; and when he does Mrs. Besant will know which way the Christ is coming.

THE CORPOREAL CHRIST

MY attention has been called to the entrance of J. Krishnamurti (Mrs. Besant's False Christ) into these United States as an undesirable alien who is trying to stir up strife and rebellion among the Orthodox denominations by telling the people that there is no use of outward organizations; that he is the very embodiment of Truth, and that all should follow and obey him. In other words, he is coming back to this Country now on his own responsibility (as he leads us to believe), and will take up the role where Jesus of Nazareth laid it down.

I think if the Government authorities at Washington, D. C., were wise to this latest move of Mrs. Besant's False Christ they would deny him admission on the grounds that he is an undesirable citizen who comes not to build up but to tear down. For his teachings embodied in his books are teachings for babes (and foreign ones at that), and not for strong, self-reliant Americans.

Krishnamurti is not a Theosophist, he is not a Buddhist, he is not a Mohammedan, he is not a Christian, he is not a Jain, Sufi, Taoist or Shintoist, no, not even a man, else he would not pose as a Coming Christ for the soft bed he has to lie in, the nice clothes he has to wear, the money that has been handed him and the numerous other material benefits which Mrs. Besant saw he must have in order to play the false role of Hero and Bravado.

I think if Americans would hearken to his words and follow his teaching, they would in less than a decade all land in the lunatic asylum.. For there is where he belongs, and there is where Mrs. Besant

will land if she doesn't try and stop this psychic damfoolishness which her friend Leadbeater is trying to carry out. For the works are all dictated by Leadbeater. Outright, say you? Now, you don't happen to know that Krishnaji is a hynotized subject and under Leadbeater's influence today and at any distance can dictate his teaching to him whilst Krishnaji is writing books or delivering lectures.

The People of America are not relieved of this sham as the Dissolution of the Order of the Star in the East would have us believe. They are just beginning to get a foothold on the masses here in America, and expect before long to sweep the globe.

But now is the time for you and me to protest against the readmission of this Hindu lad into our Country on the grounds of perpetrating a fraud which will inure to the moral degredation, the undermining of Christian principles, and the upheaval of our established institutions. For, bear in mind, the efforts and energies of this psychic giant, Leadbeater, in league with the Dark Forces, are behind this Hindu Christ, and with the aid of our sensational loving newspapers, may do more damage in twelve months to our rising generation than the teaching of the Gospels will accomplish in a lifetime.

Therefore, I say, Statesmen, Lawyers, Doctors, Preachers, Teachers, Scholars, Artists, Tradesmen and all alike should band themselves together to meet the terrible psychic onslaught which Mrs. Annie Besant and her psychic devil, Leadbeater, are about to visit us with in the personage of J.

Krishnamurti. Let's give him a dose this time that will send him back to Adyar, India, for all time for repairs. And if the Theosophical Society of which Mrs. Annie Besant is the Head and who operates from their American Headquarters at Wheaton, Illinois, are found to be in sympathy with, in aiding and abetting this fraud, their right to operate as an organized Society under the American Flag should be taken from them, and their Lodges disbanded and they be forbidden to practice any more magic and sorcery on the American public, simply because they think the time is ripe to destroy our Republic and bring us under the reign of False Christs and Psychic Saviours.

Write your Senator and Congressman today and we will start a petition around the Country branding forever as false and against our Constitutional principles any teaching that tends to sway the masses by dubious means and ulterior motives.

HARRY E. RICHEIMER, F.T.S.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD!

IT was late, about four in the afternoon, in San Diego, after I succeeded in rounding up stands and news agencies to handle DIVINE LIFE, when I set my face toward Point Loma to make a friendly call on THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, formerly headed by Katherine Tingley, now by one Dr. G. de Purucker.

The street car runs up the projection of land extending into San Diego Bay, but in order to reach the Point, a conveyance takes you from the car line to the gate of the Headquarters, about one

and one-half miles distant.

It was nearly dusk when I met the guard at the gate, a Mr. Clark seated in a small enclosure, who enquired what I wanted. I informed him that I was a Thesopohist, President of the Independent Theosophical Society of America, and Editor of the DIVINE LIFE, who wished to see Dr. G. de Purucker. After calling up the Secretary and officers in charge, I found that the Doctor would see me, perhaps the middle of next week (he was so busy at the time). Well, I enquired for Mr. J. H. Fussell, the one time Secretary of Mrs. Tingley. Yes, Mr. Fussell was on the grounds, but couldn't be located just that minute. I waited and after perhaps 20 minutes Dr. Fussell called up and informed us that the wayfarer could enter the gate, and he would meet him at the top of the hill. The gate was cautiously opened, and I started to walk up the hill, but was met half way by Mr. Fussell, who greeted me. He informed me confidentially that had I made my presence known by phone or mail I possibly could have met Dr. Purucker; to which I replied I would rather not meet a man who hides behind so much formality when a Brother comes 2,000 miles to greet him, and just here I remarked is the reason why Theosophy has not succeeded with the American People. Too much aloofness and high hat attitude toward the general run of American folk have made it a foreign organization to which no Democratic-loving American cares to associate himself.

I sensed within the gates that all was not well. Occultism is so strong up there that the air is surcharged with it, and I felt a measure of relief when

I wended my way homeward in the dark, thinking over UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, which had not even permeated the grounds!

Shreveport, La., December 3, 1929.

Dear Friends:

DIVINE LIFE, November, 1929, issue reached me O. K., and it received a joyous welcome. In response to the "Appeal" therein, I enclose a postal order for $50.00 to help toward a stone in the foundation for its new home and its permanency.

Sincerest regards,

MARY E. GAMBLE.

DIVINE LIFE.

Dear Sir and Brother:

While in the library today, I was perusing various periodicals, when I picked up a copy of your magazine, DIVINE LIFE. I read it with much zeal, and want to say I heartily concur with your sentiments. . .

My reason for not being connected with the old schools like the Theosophical Society is their close relationship to Roman Catholicism. Therefore I organize my classes in different cities free from all schools. Since you voice my own sentiments regarding America and Catholicism, I would be delighted to join forces with you for the good of our country.

I am, Sir, your friend and brother,

WM. H. NICHOLS.

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